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Letter from the President Summer 2025

Hello NAFD friends,

I hope that you are enjoying all the fun and family time that summer typically brings.

On behalf of the Board, I thank you for your continued support of the NAFD. Your participation in our 105th Annual Convention along with the business and social events this past May at the Casa Marina in Key West helped to deliver great networking opportunities. Our post-convention survey says that it brought value to you and your teams. It is our hope that you agree that our programs helped to develop new relationships and grow existing ones that enable your business to prosper.

You will soon be receiving your NAFD membership renewal. Please renew upon receipt. We also encourage you to reach out to prospective members and share the important benefits that our organization provides. You are this association's best voice, so please spread the word. Members can be distributors, manufacturers, or service providers. Please contact Gerri and she will reach out to your prospects to help them activate membership.

The “bakery” busy season is just around the corner, so as you plan for 2026, please add the NAFD convention to your Calendar. We are looking forward to meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, May 13-17, 2026, at the Arizona Biltmore Resort. The resort is an Arizona landmark known for its Frank Lloyd Wright architectural heritage as well as its storied history and outstanding accommodations. I hope that you will join us. Ellen and David Scruggs are planning some fantastic speakers and social events. I am confident they will make this the best NAFD convention ever.

For those members who were unable to attend the last convention, we look forward to welcoming you back. The relationships we build among the members of our association go well beyond the benefits to our businesses; it is the friendships that we develop that bring the greatest value.

I send my best wishes for good health and happiness.

Thanks again for your support of the NAFD.

Eric

Eric Metzendorf
President

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FLOUR DISTRIBUTORS INC.

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Elkhorn, NE

Pamella Palmer
Jamaica, West Indies

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2025 – 2026 STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive Board –Eric Metzendorf, R. David Scruggs, Jr., Rich Wise, Kevin Johnson, Ashley Koerner

Nominating – Ashley Koerner, Nicholas DePalma, Steve Tardella

Finance & Audit – Duane Bruinsma

Membership & Publicity – Rich Wise

Troy Ashby, Sheena Dau, John Johansen, David Rowe, John Traynor

Government Regulations & Trade Practices – Marc Lawrence

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OTHER COMMITTEES

Material Handling – Jeremy Smith

Trade Journals – Troy Ashby

Convention (Education/Program) – R. David Scruggs, Jr.

Eric Metzendorf, Kevin Johnson, Rich Wise, Ashley Koerner

QuickChat Top-to-Top - Sheena Dau

Duane Bruinsma, John Johansen, Eric Metzendorf, David Rowe, Rich Wise

Technology – Ashley Koerner

Next Gen – Jeremy Heim

Strategic Planning (*previously 2nd Century*) – Duane Bruinsma

Historical – Theodore Heim Jr., Theodore Heim Sr.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FLOUR DISTRIBUTORS, INC.
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 14, 2025
Casa Marina Key West – Key West, FL

WELCOME – Chairman Steve Tardella



Chairman of the Board, Steve Tardella convened the meeting at 8:57 a.m. He welcomed and thanked the board members for their attendance.

ROLL CALL – Secretary/Treasurer Rich Wise



The roll call was taken. Those present and participating were:

Present: Board of Directors: Ashley Koerner (President) Eric Metzendorf (1st VP); R. David Scruggs, Jr (2nd VP); Rich Wise (Secretary/Treasurer), Steve Tardella (Chairman of the Board/Past President); Past Presidents: Nicholas DePalma, Philip Zilka, Jr. – Directors: Uri Alcalay, Duane Bruinsma, Sheena Dau, Jeremy Heim, Ted Heim Jr., Kevin Johnson, Pamella Palmer, John Traynor, Allied Representative John Johansen; Miller Representative David Rowe; and Executive Director Gerri Cristantiello.

Absent: –Director: Erin Ruhl; and Board Advisor Robert Olender.

A quorum was present to vote on all matters that came before the Board.

MINUTES - Secretary/Treasurer Rich Wise

The Minutes from the Interim Board meeting held on Saturday, October 19, 2024 were presented to the Board for approval. Mr. Rich Wise made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The Minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Secretary/Treasurer Rich Wise

Treasurer Rich Wise reviewed the material that was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting as follows:

- Fiscal Year End (August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024) - P&L, Balance Sheet & Tax Filing
- Fiscal Year to Date (Aug 1, 2024-April 30, 2025) - P&L
- Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2025
- Open Receivables

Treasurer Rich Wise reported that we have a strong balance sheet. He reported that the CD which matured in November 2024 was closed and a money market account has been open at Associated Bank. We moved \$200,000 to that account which will earn 3% interest a year. He recommended that we split some of the money and put it into a 7 month CD earning 4%. The Board suggested that we wait until after the convention when all of the invoices are paid to determine next steps.

Rich reviewed the current Profit and Loss Statement August 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025. He reported the addition of a new line item titled "Fishing Excursion." Approximately 30 people are participating as part of this year's Annual Convention. It was determined that the best approach was to have NAFD cover the cost of the fishing trip with everyone reimbursing/paying NAFD. Once all funds are collected and the remaining balance is paid, this item will be zeroed out. Additionally, the D&O and Liability insurance was a partial payment and we are waiting on the invoice covering the remainder. The Uncategorized Income is the credit card fees that we collect from those that pay via credit card. That line is offset by the expenses called Bank Charges. The Board asked that we rename the line item Uncategorized Income as credit card fees. Gerri also expressed her desire to have other line items show up on the P&L such as the fees collected for QuickChats as well as a breakdown of the Convention Registration Fees into Single and Member & Spouse. Moving forward this would give us a good year-to-year comparison.

Rich also reported that our new accountant's fee is \$3,000 to file our Form 990 and he recommends that we continue to engage his services. The Board agreed with this recommendation.

On behalf of the Board, 1st Vice President Eric Metzendorf expressed his sincere appreciation to Rich Wise for his outstanding work as Treasurer, particularly for securing a new accountant and significantly enhancing the financial operations of the organization. His efforts have elevated our level of professionalism and ensured that our tax filings are now fully in order.

A motion was made by Eric Metzendorf to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Pamella Palmer and unanimously passed.

Finance & Audit Committee – Kevin Johnson

Mr. Johnson, Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee, reported that he has conducted a thorough review of the organization's financial records, including balance sheets, profit and loss statements, accounts receivable, and other relevant transactions. He confirmed that all items were in order and that no discrepancies were found.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Gerri Cristantiello



Ms. Cristantiello began by reflecting on the progress made since she assumed the role of Executive Director. She noted that the organization has experienced significant positive changes with new initiatives adding real value to membership.

Among the most impactful additions are the NAFD QuickChats top-to-top sessions (tabletops), which have proven to be more than just networking opportunities—they facilitate meaningful business relationships. Unlike the many trade shows that we have in the food industry, NAFD stands out by organizing structured one-on-one meetings that create real potential for business deals. These connections provide tangible results that members can point to when justifying participation to their leadership. For example, a company may be able to attribute new business directly to NAFD's QuickChats top-to-top sessions.

Sponsorship has also seen tremendous growth, particularly among Allied members. There is a small group of Millers but they continuously contribute each year. Membership seems to be steady, but there are promising opportunities for expansion—both domestically and internationally. There has been increased interest from companies outside the U.S., especially from distributors serving bakeries in their local regions. This represents a unique growth opportunity for NAFD, as no comparable trade association exists in those markets. Ms. Cristantiello emphasized the need to focus on recruiting more distributors to further strengthen the membership base.

To help reduce lapses in membership, she suggested implementing a one-time administrative fee during a member's first year. This would set the initial dues slightly higher, while keeping annual renewals at \$350. The intent is to encourage consistent membership, even in years when members may not attend the convention. She also suggested exploring other incentives or programs to support continued renewal of membership.

Ms. Cristantiello highlighted that the association remains strong and full of potential. She specifically mentioned the promise of the NextGen initiative and emphasized that the tabletops could become a key driver in attracting new members—especially distributors.

Mr. Eric Metzendorf added that each tabletop currently includes 10 scheduled appointments and suggested that adding more appointment slots could enhance the value of these sessions. He also noted that, over time, tabletops could become a significant source of revenue to support the convention such as speaker fees.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Ashley Koerner



Ms. Koerner reported on several topics that had been previously mentioned, specifically emphasizing the ongoing challenge of member retention. She noted that, despite this challenge, the organization continues to add value through initiatives such as the QuickChats and the NextGen program, both of which are growing and evolving. She expressed confidence that NAFD is moving in a positive direction and shared her pride in being part of an organization that is not only strong, but continuing to grow.

Reflecting on the organization's recent centennial milestone, Ms. Koerner remarked that we are now well into our next 100 years. She thanked the Board for their continued dedication and encouraged members to actively engage with others to help bring in new members. There were no changes to committee assignments at this time.

FUTURE CONVENTION SITE – 2nd Vice President R. David Scruggs, Jr.



2026 Convention Site – Arizona Biltmore – Phoenix, AZ

Mr. Scruggs reported that the 2026 Annual Convention will be held at the historic and beautiful Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix, Arizona from Wednesday, May 13 to Sunday, May 17, 2026. The room rate is \$349/night plus a room attendant fee of \$3/day and a historic preservation fee of \$11/day. In addition to the group room rate and fees, there is a daily resort fee of **\$45.00** per room, per night to cover the following items, services and/or amenities:

- ❖ Fitness center access with fitness classes
- ❖ Guest basic internet access
- ❖ 2 bottles of water, refreshed daily
- ❖ 1-hour cruiser bike use, daily
- ❖ Admittance to The Twist water slide access
- ❖ Lawn Games
- ❖ Long distance access fees – no charge for credit card, toll free and collect calls

We have 482 room nights blocked and the attrition rate is 15% meaning we need to book 410 rooms. All unused rooms will be released on April 11, 2026. He reported that the hotel is really close to the airport and you do not need a car unless you would like to sightsee and there is a great deal of sightseeing. The hotel is a Frank Lloyd Wright style architecture. They have many pools. The 39-acre property underwent a \$150 million renovation in 2020 and in 2023 all of the rooms were renovated. It has a lot of history from the Hollywood actors and there are great things we can do such as a tour of the hotel. The Biltmore area is very nice and exclusive. Plenty of shopping close-by, along with on-site golf course.

2027 Convention Site – Cheeca Lodge – Islamorada, Florida

As a reminder to the Board, Cheeca Lodge was a suggested site for this year's convention. Since we opted to go to Casa Marina Resort, Cheeca Lodge agreed to extend their rates for the 2027 Convention. For the 2027 Annual Convention, we will be at Cheeca Lodge, Islamorada, Florida from **Monday, May 10 to Friday, May 14, 2027** at \$349/night plus \$30 resort fee/night. Note that the dates are a check-in Monday and check-out on Friday. This nightly rate was the rate they gave us for the 2025 Convention. We have blocked 480 rooms with an attrition rate of 20% at 30 days before (April 10, 2027). By that date, we must book 384 rooms.

The resort is located in the middle of the Keys. Members can either fly into Key West and drive 90 minutes north or fly into Miami and drive 90 minutes south. Fort Lauderdale airport is also an option and it is a two hour drive to Cheeca Lodge. Cheeca Lodge & Spa also underwent a renovation after Hurricane Irma and reopened in 2018. It is a luxury oceanfront resort, yet more laid back than Casa Marina Key West. It is located on a 27 acre property and offers many activities, including water sports. It also features a private beach, a fishing pier, multiple pools, tennis courts, a 9-hole golf course, a full-service spa, and several dining options all around the area. Steve mentioned that the last time we were at Cheeca Lodge a member sponsored us at an exclusive golf course – Ocean Reef in Key Largo. He suggested exploring other options or an alternative to golf if that course is not available; there is also the option of playing the onsite 9-hole course.

2025 INTERIM BOARD MEETING – Secretary/Treasurer Rich Wise

October 16-19, 2025

Treasurer Rich Wise reported that he and Gerri had looked at several locations: Lake Tahoe, California; Austin, Texas; and Las Vegas, Nevada.

Lake Tahoe – The Ritz-Carlton Lake Tahoe in Truckee, California. It is 45 minutes away from Reno-Tahoe International airport; although October might be cool weather and he is recommending that we look at this property for September in 2026.

Austin, Texas – Viata Hotel. It is a Tuscan style hotel with wonderful views of Austin. The weekend that we meet happens to be the Formula 1 race. The rates are very economic considering the formula 1 race. \$229/night for Thursday and Friday. Saturday rate is \$429/night with a \$25 resort rate.

Las Vegas, Nevada – Trump International or the Wynn, but this would be in conjunction with the IBIE which happens every three years. We could hold a weekend for the Interim Board meeting but he felt that it might be too long of a trip.

Mr. Rich Wise recommended that we hold the Interim Board Meeting from October 16-19, 2025 at the Viata Hotel in Austin, Texas and that the 2026 Interim Board meeting be moved to September 2026 at The Ritz Carlton Lake Tahoe, Truckee, California.

He then made a motion that the 2025 Interim Board Meeting be held from October 16-19, 2025 at Hotel Viata in Austin, Texas. The Board was all in favor with this recommendation. **(Note: Following the meeting, the Board agreed to hold its meeting on Friday, October 17 and the dinner with spouses on Thursday, October 16).**

Mr. Steve Tardella then recommended that we make a decision on the 2026 Interim Board Meeting at the October 2025 board meeting. By then Gerri will have a proposal from the hotel on availability in September as well as what the room nights would be each weekend in September.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT – R. David Scruggs, Jr.

The following membership applications received from October 2024 to present were presented to the Board for approval:

	LName	FName	Job Title	Company	Category
Ms.	Catala	Julien	Sales Director	Lallemand	A
Mr.	Cato	J. Robert	Chief Executive Officer	East Caribbean Group of Companies	A
Ms.	Cenica	Patterson	Business Support Associate	East Caribbean Group of Companies	A
Ms.	Hampel	Kari	Director of National Distribution	Barry Callebaut	A
Mr.	Hart	Patrick	Grains Commodity Consultant	East Caribbean Group of Companies	A
Ms.	Haslam	Rachel	Export Manager	East Caribbean Group of Companies	A
Ms.	Perez	Lisa	Dir of Sales Support & Distribution	Corbion	A
Mr.	Ralbusky	Michael	Acct Mgr - Distribution Sales NAM	Corbion	A
Mr.	Sappington	John	EVP - Sales	TCI Dedicated Logistics Leasing & Rental	A
Ms.	Zimny	Sylvia	Sr. Regional Sales Manager	Puratos	A
Mr.	Gonzalez de la Torre	Eduardo	CEO	Pass de Mexico SA de CV	D
Mr.	Johnson	Dylan	Corporate Relations Manager	Johnson Brothers Bakery Supply	D
Mr.	Johnson	Zakary	Director of Operations	Johnson Brothers Bakery Supply	D
Ms.	Lampe	Stephanie	Buyer	Bono Burns Dist., Inc.	D
Mr.	Devey	Tim	VP of Sales and Marketing	Panhandle Milling	M
Mr.	Elizondo	Guilebaldo (Balo)	Commodities Manager	King Arthur Baking Company	M
Ms.	Ogg	Brittany	Account Manager	Ardent Mills	M
Mr.	Paulson	Jeffrey	Sales Channel Manager-Distribution	Bay State Milling Co.	M
Mr.	Sewell	Steve	VP of Sales-Bakery & Foodservice	Farmer Direct Foods	M

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept all of the above applications.

Also to note is **Will Gano**, President of Bear Stewart who was approved in October as a Distributor, reclassified himself as an Allied member.

Chairman Scruggs also reported that we have 178 Members as of this Convention. It also includes 4 honorary members and one staff. 145 of those members have renewed, reflecting 81% retention rate. We received 28 new members from August 1, 2024 to now (May 2025).

In Memoriam

The following individuals will be recognized with a moment of silence during the annual meeting:

- Karen Horton (NAFD member retired from Ardent Mills)
- Linda Bacon Koerner (Mother of Ashley Turner and Wife of Earl Koerner)
- Beverly Olender (Mother of Robert Olender)
- Robert (Bob) Hatch Founder & CEO of CII Foods | Founder & CEO of GPAL (Great Plains Analytical Lab) | Former CEO of Interstate Brands Baking | Former Executive with General Mills

MILLER REPORT – Miller Representative David Rowe



Mr. David Rowe reported that the Millers Group had 7 new members representing five companies join this year. There has also been an increase in sponsorships and he recognized the following companies who contributed toward the generous sponsorship program:

Platinum Sponsor: King Arthur Baking

Gold Sponsors: Ardent Mills, Bay State Milling, North Dakota Mill

Silver Sponsors: General Mills, Grain Craft, Miller Milling, Panhandle Milling, Siemer Specialty Ingredients, The Mennel Milling Company

Bronze Sponsor: Didion Milling

Moving the QuickChats to the second day was very helpful as it proved last year was not effective on the check in day. He thanked the committee for all the work they did on putting the schedule together.

Mr. Rowe also provided an industry update, sharing insights from the USDA's recent first-quarter report. He compared the latest data to both the previous quarter and the same period last year. He emphasized the importance of monitoring ongoing tariff issues—particularly concerning imported wheat, which is currently exempt from tariffs due to the USMCA. This exemption may change in the future.

He also highlighted initiatives under the *Make America Healthy Again* campaign, specifically efforts to remove additives such as potassium bromate. Several US States are currently reviewing the use of bromate. Additionally, the FDA is planning a broader labeling update expected to take effect around 2028, which is still under review.

Mr. Rowe stressed the need to closely monitor these developments. However, as noted by the USDA, a strong winter crop is anticipated, aided by recent rainfall which helped alleviate earlier concerns about weather conditions. He also highlighted the USDA's analysis of the relationship between corn and wheat production: with more corn acres planted compared to last year.

ALLIED REPORT – Allied Representative John Johansen



Mr. Johansen was pleased to report that the sponsorships for this past year's convention were successful for both groups. The Allied members remain a strong and vital part of NAFD, and it is important that we continue to recognize their contributions and support. We did have a substantial amount of Allied members who sponsored and he thanked Gerri Cristantiello for all her work.

There are 46 Allied/Supplier companies which have 76 NAFD members. Twenty nine (29) companies are sending representatives with 52 Allied members attending.

The sponsorship program continues to be a great enhancement, and invoices should continue to be sent. Invoices sent has increased participation. Sponsor contributions are \$43,237.50 which is a record breaking year. The following companies contributed toward the generous sponsorship program:

Platinum Sponsor: IRice & Co.

Gold Sponsors: East Caribbean Group of Companies, Lawrence Foods, Inc., Malt Products, Rise Baking (Formerly Brill, a CSM Bakery Solutions Co.)

Silver Sponsors: Argent Productivity Optimization Solution, Bake'n Joy Foods, BreadPartners, Dawn Food Products, General Mills, Great Plains Analytical Laboratory, Guittard Chocolate Company, Lallemand Inc. – American Yeast Sales, Puratos, Southern Champion Tray, LP

Bronze Sponsors: BakeMark, Clofine Dairy & Food Products, Dewy Meadow Foods Inc., EFCO Products, Eurogerm KB LLC, Inspired Foods LLC, Joy Baking Group - BoDeans Baking Group, Kipuka Mills, LaSaffre Yeast Corp., Ryder System Inc., Sosland Publishing Company, Stratas Foods LLC, The PROgram, and Valores Alimenticios of America Inc.

Mr. Johansen also reported that he was unanimously elected to serve as Allied Group Representative to the Board for another 3-year term.

Mr. Johansen also emphasized the increasing role of Allied members and the significant financial contributions. Given the growing number of Allied members, he had suggested including two Allied representatives on the Board. He spoke to Ms. Ashley Koerner (President) and Mr. Steve Tardella (Chairman of the Board) and they were in agreement to add one more person. He spoke to Mr. Robert Olender, Board Advisor who noted that the change needs to be accepted by the Board and voted on by the membership.

Mr. Johansen made a motion to change the by-laws to allow the Allied Group to appoint two members to the Board of Directors. Discussion ensued as to whether this additional individual would be elected on an offset year. The Board all agreed that the individual would be elected to the Board in 2026. There was also discussion as to whether we would have an issue filling this second position and it was felt that there would not be an issue. Additionally, there has been more programs initiated such as the QuickChats which requires additional help. The Board was in agreement with the proposed change. The motion was seconded by Ashley Koerner and unanimously passed.

It was agreed that Ms. Koerner would report the following modification to the by-laws to the membership on Saturday at the Annual Meeting and an electronic vote will be sent to the membership after 30 days as directed in the by-laws. Once the membership approves the modification, Mr. John Johansen, Representative of the Allied Group will determine how to proceed with the appointment of the second individual to the Board. It is anticipated that this individual will be appointed in May 2026.

MODIFICATION IS HIGHLIGHTED IN RED

ARTICLE III

DIRECTORS

Sec. 1. Method of Election. The property, affairs, activities, and concerns of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall present its slate of proposed directors for the appropriate year at the annual meeting and/or convention, and the membership shall elect all directors for the term of three (3) years. After the presentation of said slate, the membership shall be given the opportunity to place further names into nomination from the floor. Each individual member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. The Directors of the Corporation shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their term of office expires.

Sec. 2. Directors and Terms. The Board of Directors shall be constituted as follows:

- 1) Directors At Large: A maximum of nine (9) members selected by the membership;
- 2) Past Presidents: The three (3) immediate past presidents of the Corporation, that are still distributor members of the corporation; Each term is for two years.
- 3) Officers: The Officers of the Corporation;
- 4) Millers: The Flour Millers shall appoint one member to the Board for the term of three (3) years; and
- 5) Allied Members: The Allied Members shall appoint ~~one~~ **two (2)** member(s) to the Board for a term of three (3) years.
- 6) The Chairman of the Board: The Chairman of the Board shall be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present, and shall serve in such capacity respectively, for a two-year term.
- 7) Directors who leave or retire from the industry may continue to serve out their terms if they remain members in good standing of the Corporation.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

– **Committee Chairman Theodore (Ted) Heim, Jr.**

Mr. Ted Heim, Jr. indicated that there was no report.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE - Committee Chairman Ashley Koerner

Ms. Koerner reported that our current email address is a general [nafcontact@gmail.com](mailto:nafdcontact@gmail.com) email; we may want to have an email with our domain address i.e. name@naf.com. This can be done through our current website. Mr. Eric Metzendorf indicated that he would support this change. The Board was in agreement to move toward this change.

2nd CENTURY COMMITTEE - Committee Chairman - Duane Bruinsma



Mr. Bruinsma reported that there will be a NextGen luncheon during the Annual Convention. Eighteen (18) people have signed up. The plan will be to explain the purpose of the Next Gen Group which is 1) to provide an opportunity for the participants to get to know one another, and 2) to discuss ways in which the NAFD can be more relevant to them as well as 3) attract new Next Gen industry leaders to join & participate. At the luncheon, he plans to have them introduce themselves, have a discussion on what their expectations are, what their preference is and how they value this organization. It is a new program and hopefully we will have some great insight on how to make this organization better for the younger generation. Mr. Tardella commended Mr. Bruinsma on a great job getting this underway as it has been in the works for a long time. Mr. Eric Metzendorf as a Board member will also attend to take notes.

Mr. Steve Tardella asked whether this meeting was being sponsored and a part of the Convention budget. Ms. Cristantiello reported that it was not being sponsored but it was part of the Convention budget. It was agreed that for future conventions we can add this event - *NextGen program* - as a sponsorship opportunity; another thought was that if this becomes an ongoing program there should be a separate line item for this NextGen Committee/Program. After some discussion, it was agreed to make these determinations after this meeting. If this meeting proceeds well and there is an expressed interest for a program, we could determine a budget for this line item by the October Interim Board meeting.

NAW/KIPLINGER REPORT COMMITTEE

– Committee Chairman – Eric Metzendorf

Mr. Metzendorf reported that the organization will continue its membership with NAW, as it provides clear value to our members. NAW also offers programs and conferences geared toward executive association leaders, and Ms. Cristantiello plans to become more actively involved moving forward. Members will continue to receive the Kiplinger Report as part of this ongoing membership.

Steve commended Gerri for her thoughtful handling of communications from NAW. He noted that when NAW requests participation or support on various issues, Ms. Cristantiello consistently forwards the information to the Board for review—allowing them to determine whether a response should represent the organization as a whole or be left to individual members to sign on independently.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Dues for 2026 – (August 1, 2025 – July 31, 2026) – President – Ashley Koerner

Ms. Koerner reported that we are in a strong financial position and she recommends that dues remain at \$350 per member and made a motion accordingly. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rich Wise and approved unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

–Immediate Past President – Nick DePalma



Mr. DePalma reported that the Nominating Committee met to determine the slate of Directors to the Board. He reported that the following individuals' terms expire this year:

Sheena Dau, Elkhorn, NE; **Kevin Johnson**, San Antonio, TX; **Pamella Palmer**, Jamaica, West Indies; **Philip S. Zilka**, Hunker, PA

He continued to report that the committee proposes the following individuals for Officers to serve a two year term:

PRESIDENT: Eric Metzendorf - Jackson, MI
1ST VICE PRESIDENT: R. David Scruggs, Jr. - Little Rock, AR
2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Rich Wise - Greenville, WI
SECRETARY/TREASURER: Kevin Johnson - San Antonio, TX

The Committee also proposed the following members to serve as Directors for a 3-year term:

Sheena Dau
Elkhorn, NE

Pamella Palmer
Jamaica, West Indies

Philip S. Zilka
Hunker, PA

Further, **Ashley Koerner** would move to Immediate Past President whose term will end in 2031.

Mr. DePalma made a motion that the Board accept the Nominating Committee's proposed Slate of Directors and Officers as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

2025 CONVENTION REPORT – Casa Marina Key West - Key West, Florida
– 1ST Vice President Eric Metzendorf



2025 CONVENTION REPORT – 1st Vice President Eric Metzendorf
Casa Marina Resort, Key West, Florida- May 14-18, 2025

Mr. Eric Metzendorf reported that there were many last minute changes this year including many more cancellations than in the past several years. With all these changes we do have 178 attendees and we have added attendees as late as the previous day. This also included last minute changes to the QuickChats top-to-top sessions. He knows that we have followed through on each company and that Gerri made every effort when we started to schedule the top to tops. The Committee worked together on getting this all done. Sheena created the schedule for the distributors using the information provided by the Allied & Miller members who had tables. There are only 10 scheduled sessions and on Friday there will be one hour to walk around. Mr. Metzendorf reminded the Board that it is still in a pilot program stage and we are looking for feedback on how to improve it. He believes we need a whole morning (4 hours) of session so that the allied and millers can have top to top time ... there are new faces, same companies with new people in those positions. It gives them an opportunity to build the relationships and an opportunity to grow their business. A suggestion was made for future Conventions to feature two companies each morning during breakfast, showcasing their products in a designated display area.

Mr. DePalma asked whether the meeting slots given to Distributors were also requested by the Allied and Miller members. Ms. Dau explained that, in many cases, yes, as we followed the priority rankings provided by the Allied and Millers when scheduling. Mr. DePalma commented that this approach is much more effective.

Discussion ensued and it was felt that if we need to expand on this QuickChats top to top session that we do so in the next year.

Eric reviewed the business and networking program for each day.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025	
REGISTRATION DAY	
8:00 - 12:00 noon	NAFD Board of Directors Meeting Breakfast at 8am in Flaglers Restaurant Meeting at 9am – <i>Big Pine</i>
1:00 - 4:30 pm	Registration – <i>Lobby Veranda</i>
	Arriving after 4:30 pm? Pick up your name tag at the Welcome Reception & Dinner
NETWORKING PROGRAM	
6:00 - 7:00 pm	New Member Reception (<i>By Invitation Only</i>) – <i>Flagler Lawn</i>
7:00 - 10:00 pm	Welcome to "Havana Night": Reception, Dinner & Music – <i>Flagler Lawn</i>
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025	
BUSINESS PROGRAM	
7:00 - 8:00 am	Business Program Members Breakfast – <i>Grand Ballroom Patio & Lawn</i>
8:00 - 8:30 am	General Session – <i>Grand Ballroom</i>
8:30 - 9:30 am	Economic Outlook Scott Colbert, EVP & Director of Fixed Income & Chief Economist – Commerce Bank
9:30 - 9:50 am	- BREAK -
10:00 - noon	NAFD Top-to-Top QuickChat (Ten, 12-minute sessions)
Noon - 1:30 pm	Next Gen Committee Meeting Luncheon (Committee Members Only) Location: Duck Room
NETWORKING PROGRAM	
9:30 - 11:30 am	Spouse/Companion Event Award Winning Key Lime Pie Making Class at Key West Lime Pie Co. Meet in Lobby at 9:30 am
1:30 - 3:30 pm	Cornhole Tournament & Other Activities - <i>Flagler Lawn</i>
7:00 - 10:00 pm	Margaritaville Fiesta: Reception, Buffet Dinner & Music – <i>East Beach</i>
FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025	
BUSINESS PROGRAM	
7:00 - 8:00 am	Business Program Members Breakfast – <i>Grand Ballroom Patio & Lawn</i>
8:00 - 9:00 am	Top-to-Top QuickChat (Open Session, No Appointments Required) - <i>Grand Ballroom</i>
9:00 - 9:20 am	- BREAK -
9:20 - 10:20 am	Bakery Consumer Trends Lynn Dornblaser, Client Advisor - <i>Mintel Solutions</i>
10:20 - 10:30 am	- BREAK -
10:30 - 11:45 am	Keynote: ChatGPT, AI and Beyond: Game Changing Technology That will Impact Your Industry Gene Marks, Columnist, Author, Speaker & CRM Advisor
NETWORKING PROGRAM	
Afternoon	Golf Tournament at Key West Golf Club - transportation on your own Tee Times begin at 1:00 pm - Details will be posted
Evening	Dinner on Your Own

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025	
BUSINESS PROGRAM	
8:00 - 9:00 am	Business Program Members Breakfast – <i>Grand Ballroom Patio & Lawn</i>
9:00 - 11:45 am	General Session – <i>Grand Ballroom</i>
9:00 - 9:30 am	Government Relations Update
	Rasma Zvaners, VP Gov't Relations - American Bakers Association
9:30 - 10:30 am	Commodity Report
	Joe Camp, Director of Managed (Grain) Programs, CommStock Investments
10:30 - 10:45 am	- BREAK -
10:45 - 11:45 am	Annual Meeting
	Board of Directors Report (Chairman of the Board)
	Standing Committee Reports (Respective Chairs)
	Nominating Committee & Election of Officers & Board of Directors
11:50 am	Board of Directors Meeting - Gold Key Room
NETWORKING PROGRAM	
Afternoon	Afternoon on Your Own
6:00 - 10:00 PM	Cocktail Reception - Flagler Patio Awards & Presentations Announced at 6:45 pm "Keys to Paradise" - Flagler Ballroom Dueling Pianos & Drummer

Gerri and Eric answered questions from the Board regarding the program details.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next in person Board meeting will be held at the Interim Board Meeting in October at Hotel Viata in Austin, Texas.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Geraldina (Gerri) Crisantiello
Executive Director

NAFD Annual Member Meeting (Quorum is present – 113 Members)
May 14 – 18, 2025 8:00 A.M.

Prior to the start of our Annual Meeting, Chairman of the Board Steve Tardella welcomed the attendees, reviewed NAFD's Mission, Purpose and read the Antitrust Policy.

President Ashley Koerner then called the Annual Meeting to order and thanked Lauren and Eric Metzendorf for all the long hours that went into producing this convention for our membership. She also thanked all of the Sponsors (Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze) for their generous contributions to this year’s convention. The additional funds help offset the costs associated with the Convention. Without their support, the NAFD convention would not have been able to attain the high standards and expectations of our members.

Chairman Tardella reported that the board met on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, with all members present and noted above in the roll call section. The Chairman then summarized the agenda and minutes that appear above and announced that all would appear in the Summer Edition of *The Flour Distributor*.

Committee Reports

Treasurer’s Report – Rich Wise

Treasurer Rich Wise presented the Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2024 and the Financial Summary (Profit & Loss) from August 2023-July 2024.



Balance Sheet

As of Jul 31, 2024

ASSETS

Current Assets - Bank Accounts

Chase CD	78,206.00
Chase Checking	176,935.53
Chase Savings	2,272.59

Total Bank Accounts	<u>257,414.12</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	257,414.12
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	0
Retained Earnings	246,905.86
Net Income	10,508.26

Total Equity	<u>257,414.12</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	257,414.12
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Financial Summary

August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024

Gross Revenue	322,125.49
Total Expenses	313,148.30
Net Operating Income	8,977.19
Net Other Income	1,531.07
Net Income	10,508.26

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The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

Finance & Auditing Committee – Kevin Johnson

Mr. Kevin Johnson reported that the bank statements and financials for fiscal year end July 31, 2024, and as of April 30, 2025, have been reviewed and all transactions are in order and appropriate. No questions were presented from the members present.

Membership Committee – 2nd Vice President R. David Scruggs, Jr.

During this past fiscal year (2024 – 2025), **28 new applicants** met the qualifications to become members of the NAFD and gained approval by the board of directors. Those members that were present at the Annual Meeting each received an NAFD Membership pin so that they can display their membership in NAFD. All others not in attendance received their pin in the mail.

The new members appear on the next page.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



* Indicates attended 2025 Annual Convention

DISTRIBUTORS

- * Mr. Tim Bruinsma, Sales Manager – South Holland Bakery Supply
- * Mr. Eduardo Gonzalez de la Torre, CEO - Pass de Mexico SA de CV
- * Mr. Dylan Johnson, Corporate Relations Manager – Johnson Brothers Bakery Supply
- * Mr. Zakary Johnson, Director of Operations – Johnson Brothers Bakery Supply
- Ms. Stephanie Lampe, Buyer – Bono Burns Dist. Inc
- * Mr. Jeremy Smith, CFO – Valley Cooperative Association

MILLERS

- * Mr. Tim Devey, VP of Sales & Marketing – Panhandle Milling
- * Mr. Guilebaldo (Balo) Elizondo, Commodities Manager – King Arthur Baking Co.
- * Ms. Brittany Ogg, Account Manager – Ardent Mills
- * Mr. Jeffrey Paulson, Sales Channel Manager: Distribution – Bay State Milling
- * Mr. Steve Sewell, VP of Sales: Bakery & Foodservice – Farmer Direct Foods
- Ms. Sheryl Wallace, CEO – Ardent Mills
- * Mr. Tim Webster, CEO – Farmer Direct Foods LLC

ALLIED

- Mr. Russ Asaro, - HBF USA
- * Mr. Julien Catala, Sales Director – Lallemand
- * Mr. J. Robert Cato, CEO – Eastern Caribbean Group of Companies (ECGC)
- * Mr. Cenica Patterson, Business Support Associate– Eastern Caribbean Group of Companies (ECGC)
- Mr. Mitch DuFour, Regional Sales Manager – Domino Foods
- * Mr. Will Gano, President – Bear Stewart
- * Ms. Kari Hampel, Director of National Distribution – Barry Callebaut
- * Mr. Patrick Hart, Grains Commodity Consultant – Eastern Caribbean Group of Companies (ECGC)
- * Ms. Rachel Haslam, Export Manager– Eastern Caribbean Group of Companies (ECGC)
- * Mr. Jean Charles Madour – Retail Sales Manager – Canada - Lallemand
- Mr. Robert Paulk, Sales Manager – MOI Foods
- * Ms. Lisa Perez, Director of Sales Support & Distribution - Corbion
- * Mr. Michael Ralbusky, Acct Manager - Distribution Sales NAM - Corbion
- * Mr. John Sappington, Executive Vice President – TCI Dedicated Logistics Leasing & Rental
- * Ms. Sylvia Zimny – Puratos

In Memoriam

Mr. Scruggs asked for a moment of silence for those who have lost their lives defending our freedom and securing our liberties and for those who have passed since our last Convention:

- **Robert (Bob) Hatch** - Founder & CEO of CII Foods | Founder & CEO of Grain Plains Analytical Labs | Former CEO of Interstate Brands Baking | Former Executive with General Mills
- **Karen Horton** - Karen worked for 49 years in the flour industry between Cargill, Horizon Milling and Ardent Mills.
- **Linda Bacon Koerner** - Mother of Ashley Koerner Turner & Wife of Earl Koerner
- **Beverly Olender** - Mother of Robert Olender

Future Conventions – Site Committee Chairman – R. David Scruggs, Jr.

He further reported that NAFD’s 2026 convention will be held at the historic, iconic resort Arizona Biltmore from Wednesday, May 13 – Sunday, May 17, 2026.

He continued to report that the 107th Convention in 2027 will be held at Cheeca Lodge, Islamorada, Florida. The dates of this Convention will begin with a Welcoming Reception on Monday, May 10, 2027 and conclude on Thursday, May 13, 2027 with a dinner. Check-out will be on Friday, May 14, 2027.

The attendees also received reports from Mr. Jeremy Heim on Material Handling.

Daily Keynote Speakers included:

- Scott Colbert, EVP & Director of Fixed Income & Chief Economist at Commerce Bank, who gave the Economic Outlook presentation
- Lynn Dornblaser, MINTEL Solutions presented on Bakery Consumer Trends
- Joe Camp – CommStock Investments presented the Commodity Outlook report
- Rasma Zvaners of American Bakers Association provided our members with a Government Relations Update

Our Featured Speaker was Gene Marks, Columnist, Author, Speaker and CRM Expert who gave a presentation on “ChatGPT, AI & Beyond: Game Changing Technology that will Impact Your Industry”.

In addition to our speaker sessions, we hosted the 2nd Annual QuickChats: Top-to-Top Sessions. It continues to be in a pilot program with positive feedback from the attendees. This year, 31 executives were being visited by Distributors, Associate and Miller Members. Day 1 featured scheduled, appointment-only meetings, while Day 2 was open for informal drop-ins, allowing attendees to visit any table at their convenience.

Nominating Committee – Immediate Past President – Nicholas DePalma

The Nominating Committee recommended and the board approved the following slate of candidates to fill the officers and directors positions as follows:

Officers:

President	Eric Metzendorf
1 st Vice President	R. David Scruggs, Jr.
2 nd Vice President	Rich Wise
Secretary/Treasurer	Kevin Johnson

Directors – 3-year Term (*exp. 2028*)

Sheena Dau – Batory Foods, Elkhorn, NE
Pamella Palmer – Commercial Associates Ltd., Jamaica, West Indies
Philip S. Zilka – Zilka & Co, Hunker, PA

There being no additional nominations presented from the members present, Mr. Nicholas DePalma made a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. DePalma then made a motion to elect the nominated Officers & Directors as proposed. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. The newly elected officers and directors were congratulated. The newly-elected Board of Directors appears on the next page.

2025-2026 NAFD OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers

President

Eric Metzendorf

1st Vice President

R. David Scruggs, Jr.

2nd Vice President

Rich Wise

Secretary/Treasurer

Kevin Johnson

Past Presidents

Ashley Koerner

Nicholas DePalma

Steve Tardella

Directors

Uri Alcalay

Duane Bruinsma

Sheena Dau

Jeremy Heim

Theodore Heim, Jr.

Pamella Palmer

Erin M. Ruhl

John Traynor

Philip S. Zilka, Jr.

Director Miller Representative

David Rowe

Director Allied Representative

John Johansen



PICTURED: **Front Row:** Rich Wise, Philip Zilka, Sheena Dau, Uri Alcalay, Pamella Palmer, David Scruggs, Ashley Koerner, Steve Tardella, John Johansen, and Jeremy Heim. **Back Row:** David Rowe, Duane Bruinsma, Eric Metzendorf, Kevin Johnson, John Traynor, Ted Heim, Nick DePalma - *Not Pictured: Erin Ruhl*

New Business

President Koerner reminded all to complete the convention survey which will come via e-mail with a link to *SurveyMonkey*. The results are used by the Board for planning future conventions.

There being no additional business, a motion was made by President Ashley Koerner, seconded and passed by the membership to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Board Meeting following Annual Meeting

President Eric Metzendorf congratulated all the newly-elected officers and directors. The following items were addressed:

- Duane Bruinsma was appointed as Finance & Auditor.
 - NAW Committee – It was agreed that we remove this as a Committee as it is a benefit of Membership
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held during the Interim Board meeting in October.

National Association of Flour Distributors Inc.

Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2024

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Chase CD	78,206.00
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Chase Savings	2,272.59
Total Bank Accounts	\$257,414.12
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$257,414.12
TOTAL ASSETS	\$257,414.12
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
DIFFERED CONFERENCE INCOME	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	0.00
Retained Earnings	246,905.86
Net Income	10,508.26
Total Equity	\$257,414.12
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$257,414.12

National Association of Flour Distributors Inc.

Profit and Loss

August 2023 - July 2024

	TOTAL
Income	
Membership Dues	62,999.43
Non Profit Income	1,793.89
Allied/Supplier Sponsorship	35,748.97
Golf	9,757.53
Miller Sponsorship	22,289.06
Other Convention Activities	-1,000.00
Registration Income	153,749.34
Total Non Profit Income	222,338.79
Uncategorized Income	36,787.27
Total Income	\$322,125.49
GROSS PROFIT	\$322,125.49
Expenses	
Admin, Office Expenses & Supplies	1,620.01
Advertising & Website	188.89
Bank Charges	5,718.25
Convention Deposits - Prepaid	199,606.04
Convention Expense	3,400.51
Admin Costs	
GC Business Expenses	3,375.21
Site Visit	5,019.18
Total Admin Costs	8,394.39
Entertainment	4,290.00
Golf	6,101.79
Misc Conv Exp	2,807.75
Registration Gift/Room Amenity	1,545.78
Spouse Event	300.00
Total Misc Conv Exp	4,653.53
Speaker Fee	18,086.75
Speaker Expenses	1,834.51
Total Speaker Fee	19,921.26
Total Convention Expense	46,761.48
Dues NAW, ABA, Kiplinger	2,000.00
Insurance	2,539.83
Interim Board Meeting	5,072.02
Printing, publications, postage, & shipping	1,641.78
Professional Fees and other payments to independent contractors	3,300.00
Honorariums	6,500.00
Professional Fees - GC Bus Svs LLC	31,000.00
On-Site Fees - GC Business	6,500.00
Total Professional Fees - GC Bus Svs LLC	37,500.00

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National Association of Flour Distributors Inc.

Profit and Loss

August 2023 - July 2024

	TOTAL
Tax Preparation	700.00
Total Professional Fees and other payments to independent contractors	48,000.00
Total Expenses	\$313,148.30
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$8,977.19
Other Income	
Interest Earned	1,531.07
Total Other Income	\$1,531.07
NET OTHER INCOME	\$1,531.07
NET INCOME	\$10,508.26



MEMBERSHIP

The board shall have the authority to categorize each member according to his/her employer's focus and/or their roles within their employer's organization. At the discretion of the board, this classification may be used to set the rights and responsibilities of each member.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION

Membership Categories

- Distributors – A person classified as a distributor is one who spends 51% or more of his/her time, and/or whose business unit enjoys 51% or more of its revenues, from re-selling bakery-related products to non-consuming customers.
- Millers – A person classified as a miller is one who is employed by a company, or segment of a company, which employs the milling process of wheat as the basis for 51% or more of its revenue.
- Supplier/Allied – Allied members are those who, as a focus of their business, sell goods and/or services to the baking industry but are not millers or distributors, as defined above.

Retired from Industry – A person classified as retired from the industry is any NAFD member in good standing that retires from, or otherwise leaves, the baking industry and its allied industries. Should a retired member re-enter the baking industry, he/she must re-apply for membership per his/her new employment status

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Cornhole Tournament



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Spouse/Partner Event

AWARD WINNING KEY
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General Session Beverages



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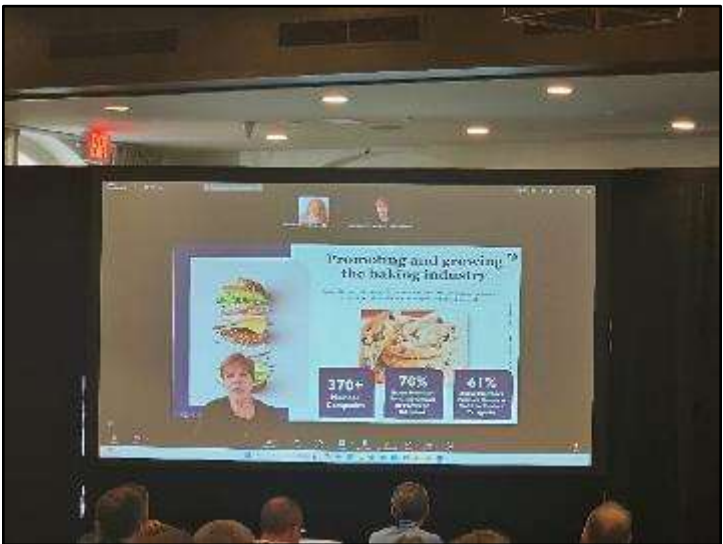
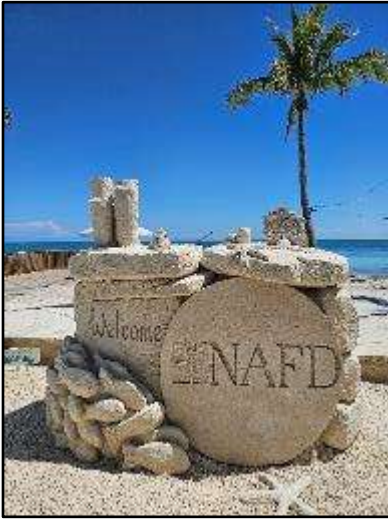
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Sports Activities Winners And Closing Night

Current 1st Vice President Eric Metzendorf presenting Ashley Koerner with the PAST PRESIDENT AWARD





Future Conventions

106th Annual Convention – 2026

<http://www.thenafd.com/convention.html>



Arizona Biltmore – Phoenix, Arizona
Wed. May 13 – Sun. May 17, 2026
Visit [Arizona Biltmore Website](#)

107th Annual Convention – 2027



Cheeca Lodge & Spa – Islamorada, Florida
Mon. May 10 – Fri. May 14, 2027
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